

LIVING SINGLE and SATISFIED!

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Kingdom Living is:

The visible demonstration
of the comprehensive rule of God over every area of life.

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Singleness in America:

- Almost half of all marriages end in divorce.
- Over half of all adults in the United States are single, a record high.
- African-Americans have the lowest marriage rate of any ethnic group in America.
- 7 in 10 black children are born to unmarried parents. (2 outta 10 in the 1950's).
- 70% of black women are single, out of that 70%, 42% have never been married. In the 1950's, one out of ten Black women were single.
- 43% of Black men have never been married.

Myths About Singlehood:

- Singles are lonely.
- Singles are not complete or fulfilled.
- If you're still single; there must be something wrong with you.

**Being single is not a problem to be fixed,
but an opportunity to serve God in a significant way.**

To Be Single and Satisfied, You Must...

1. Stop **COMPLAINING**.

But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust. 1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (NLT)

Contentment

For I have *learned to be content* whatever the circumstances.

Philippians 4:11b (NIV)

2. Stop **COMPROMISING**.

Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to *abstain from sexual relations*. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (NLT)

Living Together, Co-Habitation, Shacking Up, Netflix & Chill

- On average, researchers found that couples who cohabitated before marriage had a **33 percent higher chance of divorcing** than couples who moved in together after the wedding ceremony.

3. Stay **COMMITTED TO GOD**.

I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time *doing the Lord's work* and thinking how to please Him. But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. His interests are divided.

In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be *devoted to the Lord* and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. I am saying this for *your benefit*, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you *serve the Lord best*, with as few distractions as possible.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NLT)

4. Start **CARRYING OUT YOUR CALLING**.

Each of you, dear brothers and sisters, should remain as you were when God first *called you*. **1 Corinthians 7:24 (NLT)**